

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 6, please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

[0020] The support element 40 protrudes through the slot 46, laterally out from the extension 26 and a spring plate 58 rests against the ends of the support element 40 protruding out from the slot 46. The spring plate 58 can be attached to the support element 40, for example by means of a detent connection. A prestressed return spring 60, which can be embodied in the form of a helical compression spring that encompasses the extension 26, is situated between the spring plate ~~[[48]]~~ **58** and the housing part 22. The return spring 60 acts on the support element 40 and the pump piston 20 coupled to it in the direction of the cam 16 of the drive shaft 12 so as to assure the contact of the roller 44 against the cam 16 even during the intake stroke of the pump piston 20 oriented toward the drive shaft 12 and even at high speeds of the drive shaft 12.

Page 6, please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] During the intake stroke of the pump piston 20, in which it moves radially inward, the pumping chamber 30 is filled with fuel from the fuel inlet conduit 32 when the inlet valve 34 is open and the outlet valve 38 is closed. During the delivery stroke of the pump piston 20 in which it moves radially outward, the pump piston ~~[[22]]~~ **20** delivers highly pressurized fuel to the high-pressure reservoir 110 through the fuel outlet conduit 36 when the outlet valve 38 is open and the inlet valve 34 is closed. The support element 40 is guided in the receptacle 46 in such a way as to prevent it from rotating around the longitudinal axis 21 of the pump piston 20 and absorbs any lateral forces that occur so that they do not act on the pump piston

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20. The receptacle 46 can be aligned very precisely in relation to the cylinder bore 28 since it is provided in the same housing part 22 as the cylinder bore 28. The support element 40 can be compactly designed since it only needs to contain the recess 42 for accommodating the roller 44 and is guided by means of its lateral, flat surfaces 41. It is easily possible to manufacture the rectangular support element 40 and the slot 46 as a receptacle for the support element 40.